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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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14/12/2013: Look for Patrick, F8DYD/p, to be active on 14th December 2013 from the Castle of Rochefort (DFCF 86-112, commune of Mirebeau (CP 86110), canton of Mirebeau (DDCF 86-15), Departement Vienne/86 and region of Poitou-Charentes (DPF 19). QRV on 80m starting 0600 UTC and 40m starting 0800 UTC. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [F8DYD]

14/12/2013: Bobby, MI0RYL, wants to activate Thorny Fort (CASHOTA GI-133, WAB H93, WW Loc. IO64RI) as GN4PKT on the 14th of December 2013. QRV on HF according to conditions, using CW and SSB. QSL via MI0RYL, direct or bureau. [DXNL]

14/12/2013: Mathias, DJ2HD and Ulmar, DK1CE plan a 4x4 trip through different African countries between 14th December 2013 and 18th January 2014. From 14 December 2013 to 18 January 2014 they will be active from Namibia as V5/DJ2HD and V5/DK1CE. This will include an entry in the 10m DARC SSB Contest (12th January). Between 22-24th December 2013 they will be active from Lesotho as 7P8DJ (Mathias) and 7P8CE (Ulmar). They also plan to visit South Africa and operate as ZS/homecalls. QRV on the HF bands, holiday style, using SSB and RTTY. QSL 7P8CE via DH3WO and 7P8DJ via DJ2HD, direct or bureau. Website: www.dj2hd.de/ [DX World]

15/12/2013: Members of the local radio club Syke (DOK I25) is going to activate Naturschutzgebiet Noerdliches Wietingsmoor (WWFF DLFF-156) on the 15th of December 2013 as DL7X, testing new antennas. QSL via bureau is preferred. [DXNL]

15/12/2013: Anders, SM4KYN, will be active from the Signal Point contest station, island of Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) between 15th December 2013 and 15th January 2014. QRV on all HF bands and modes, propagation allowing. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [CCC]

15/12/2013: Mike, RW1AI will be active as RI1ANT from Progress Base (AA U-03, WAP RUS-11, IOTA AN-016, WWFF RFF-165), Prydz Bay, Larsemann Hills, Princess Elizabeth Land, Antarctica, between 15 December 2013 and 15 March 2015. Mike will be QRV on all HF bands using dipoles + amp. QSL via RW1AI - Online Log at: www.qsl.net/ua1ake/logs/ [DX World]

15/12/2013: Igor, UA3DJY, plans activity from Beau Vallon, Mahe Island (AF-024, WLOTA 3286), Seychelle Archipelago, as S79ACR for one month beginning mid-December. QRV holiday style on HF bands. QSL via home call. [DX World]

16/12/2013: Take, JG8NQJ will be back on Minami Torishima (OC-073) from 16 December 2013 until 18 March 2014. When there he works at the local weather station and operates as JG8NQJ/JD1 in his spare time. Look for Take mainly on 17, 15, 12 and 10 metre CW, with some SSB. QSL via JG8NQJ (bureau) or JA8CJY (direct). [425 DX News]

18/12/2013: Look for Steve, VE3OC, to be active as VP5/homecall from the island of Providenciales (IOTA NA-002, WLOTA 2003), North Caicos, between 18-27th December, 2013. QRV on the HF bands, holiday style (between scuba dives), using Icom IC-7000, Buddiepole antenna, Lithium-Ion battery for portable use on the

beach and cliff sides. QSL direct to VE3OC (Stephen Woo, VP5/VE3OC, 56 Kerrigan Crescent, Markham, ON L3R 7T9, Canada) with 3 USDs to cover postage and printing. Website: www.qrz.com/db/vp5ve3oc [DX World]

LOOKING AHEAD -

22/12/2013: Nao, JN1RVS, will be active as PJ5/K6NAO from the island of St. Eustatius (NA-145, WLOTA 1851, WWFF PAFF-025) between 22-29 December 2013. QRV on 40-10m, CW, RTTY/PSK. QSL via OQRS/JA1HGY. Online log is hosted by ClubLog. [DX World]

26/12/2013: Raimundo, PT7CG, will be active from Ilha Grande de Santa Isabel (IOTA SA-025) and lighthouse (DFB PI-03, ARLHS BRA-070, WLOTA 2825, WW Loc. GI97DE) as ZX8DX between 26-30 December 2013. QRV on the HF bands propagation allowing. QSL via PT7CG and LoTW. [DX World]

11/01/2014: Operators Mek SP7VC, Ted SP3IPB and Kasia SQ7OYL plan a Caribbean Tour of the following islands between 11-22 January 2014: 11-12 January as FM/SP3IPB, FM/SP7VC and FM/SQ7OYL from the island of Martinique (NA-107, DIFO FM-001, WLOTA 1041); 15-16 January as J79PB (QSL SP3IPB) and J79VC (QSL SP7VC) from the island of Dominica (NA-101); 17-18 January as FG/SP3IPB, FG/SP7VC and FG/SQ7OYL from the island of Guadeloupe (NA-102, DIFO FG-001, WLOTA 0644, WWFF FFF-004); 18-22 January as VP2MPG and VP2MTK from the island of Montserrat (NA-103, WLOTA 1475); 21 January only as V26/SP3IPB and V26/SP7VC from Antigua (NA-100, WLOTA 1118); 23-29 January they will return to Dominica Island and be active again as J79PB and J79VC. QSL via home calls. Further information on their website at: http://www.sp7vc.dxing.pl/ [DX World]

10/02/2014: Eric, OE4AAC, will be returning to Rodrigues Island (AF-017, WLOTA 4265, WWFF 3BFF-004) between 10-18th February 2014. QRV holiday style as 3B9/OE4AAC on 40-10 metre CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

17/02/2014: Gildas, F6HMQ, will once again be active as TO22C from the island of Guadeloupe (NA-102, DIFO FG-001, WLOTA 0644) between 20th February and 6th March 2014. Activity all bands + entry in ARRL SSB Contest. QSL via F6HMQ. [DX World]

01/03/2014: Look for special event station 8N2HHH to be active on all bands and modes between 1 March and 16 June 2014 for the Hamanako Flower Expo (or Hana Haku) 2014 / The 31st Japan Parks and Urban Green Fair in Shizuoka-city (JCC 1801). Shizuoka-city is located in Shizuoka prefecture, Chubu region, on the island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

23/07/2014: Ariff, VU3ARF and Asish, VU2GMT plan activity as VU3ARF/p from Jambudwip [aka New] (AS-153), Sundarbans Archipelago (WWFF VUFF-091 - National Park, UNESCO-World Heritage), located in the Bay of Bengal, West Bengal State, India, between 23-31 July 2014. QRV on 40-10m SSB and CW, including an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (26-27 July). QSL goes to VU3ARF by the bureau or direct (Ariff Mohammad, 72/A Elliot Road, Calcutta 700016, India). Website: http://vu3arf.org/ [rsgbiota.org]

26/07/2014: Lou, IK8HCG, plans a Single-Op entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (26-27 July 2014) as IB0R from the island of Ventotene (EU-045, IIA LT-011, MIA MI-118, WWFF IFF-110, WW Loc. JN61FV), Lazio region, Italy. QSL direct only to IK8HCG (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

20/12/2013: TURKEY - IN MEMORY OF MARTYRS, ERZURUM - TC9SAM -
Scouts from TIF Turkish Scouting and Guiding Federation will be active once

again as TC9SAM between 20-25 December 2013 for the Scouts paying respect to Allahuekber Martyrs. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Website: www.tcswat.org/ [TCSWAT]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

14/12-15/12 8P8T: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL KI1U (d)
15/12-15/1/14 PJ2/SM4KYN: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d/B)
15/12-12/1/14 S79ACR: Mahe Island WLOTA:3286 QSL UA3DJY (d/B)
18/12-27/12 VP5/VE3OC: Providenciales Island WLOTA:2003 QSL H/c (d)

6 METRES & UP -

17/12 LY 1.3GHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
17/12 NRAU 1.3GHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
17/12 RSGB 1.3GHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
19/12 NRAU 70MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

9X0XA - Rwanda
2013 Operation

VU7AG - Lakshadweep Islands
November 20, 2013 through December 10, 2013

73 es DX!
Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

QSLs via Bureau: None to report this week! :o(

QSLs via Direct: 5A1AL (QRZ.com), 8R1A (W1CDC), CN8IG (EA7FTR), D44TXT (DL7AFS), FR4NT (QRZ.com), GN4FOC (G3SWH OQRS), GT4FOC (G3SWH OQRS), JA7SGV/6V (H/c), KG4HF (OQRS), KL7KY (S56ZZZ), OX5YL (PA5YL), T32AU (VO1MX), TO2TT (I2YSB), TU5XV (OQRS), XV2V40J (JF1HJZ), YB3MM/P [OC-197] (IZ8CCW), YB3MM/2 [OC-186] (IZ8CCW), YB3MM/4 [OC-262] (IZ8CCW), YE30P [OC-034] (YB9WR), YN2PX (AI5P) and ZC4LI (G3SWH OQRS).

QSLs via LoTW: 5B/RV1CC, 5J0R, 8P5A, CR3E, DR1D, EB2AM, ES9C, FY5KE, HC2IOH, J73A, K9W, LX7I, LZ1520YYD, OC4CW, OE2XEL, PJ2/K2PLF, PJ2/K8ND, PJ6/N7QT, PJ7W, S51YI, VP9I, XR0ZR, ZC4LI, ZD8X, ZF1A, ZM90DX and ZS8C.

BITS & PIECES -

C9, MOZAMBIQUE -
Beth, 2W0VOW and John, ZS5J have arrived in Mozambique on 11th December and plan to be active as C91B and C91J, respectively, near the town of Ponto do Ouro, southern Mozambique. They will be QRV on the higher bands using 100W and 3 band rotary dipole. Length of stay is unkown at this time. QSL both calls via John

Kramer, PO Box 102303, Meerensee, Richards Bay, KZN, 3901, South Africa. [DX World]

Last 2013 IOTA activity for me, and HP0INT QSL Status -
Quick email send from VR2 to inform that I will shortly be active for the last time in 2013 from 3 Asia and Oceania IOTA's.(AS-019 from 9V, OC-088 from V8 and OC-133 from 9M6). Nothing really rare and don't expect a full time activity as radio is not the main purpose of the trip (but I always have my rig ready to travel :). The first two will be limited to few hours only (AS-019 on Saturday 14 dec. and OC-088 on 17/18 dec.). the OC-133 will be active 'holiday style' during 3 full days, the 20, 21 and 22 December from Labuan Island).
Also a short info regarding the Direct QSL requests for the Panama IOTA tour HP0INT. I already send about 50% of the letters today, the remaining half will be send on december 23rd, Most letters will be originating from VR2,except for the ones that put a french stamp in their Direct request, they will have to wait early january to get it posted. We hope all Direct QSL will reach you on time for the January IOTA update.
Best 73
Vincent VR2/F4BKV

REMINDER: 20YRS RUSSIAN ROBINSON CLUB - RI20ANT -
The final action to mark the 20th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club (RRC) will occur in Antarctica during the period of 17-31 December 2013. RRC Club members Alexander Kuznetsov RW3RN (RRC #256) and Oleg Neruchev UA3HK/ZS1OIN (RRC #349) will transmit with the jubilee call sign RI20ANT from the Russian Antarctic station "Bellingshausen" on the island of King George (AA U-04, WAP RUS-01, WLOTA 0312, WWFF RFF-154), South Shetland Islands (AN-010). As such, the action starts on December 10 in the Argentinian city of Ushuaia when RW3RN boards the vessel "Sea Explorer" en route Antarctica. As the mayor of Uvarovo City, Tambov oblast, Alexander Kuznetsov is taking along the Tambov "Mother of God" and "St. Pitirim" icons to the Holy Trinity Church, the only Russian Orthodox church in Antarctica. The flag of the Russian Robinson Club will be delivered to the Bellingshausen station as well. The main activity of RI20ANT on the air is expected to be on 20m SSB and CW. The radio equipment includes a Yaesu FT-1000MP transceiver and an all band antenna. QSL via RW3RN. At the Bellingshausen station, beacon RI1ANG works around the clock on frequency 14101 kHz. If the beacon is heard, you can then call RI20ANT on frequency 14160 kHz +/- QRM. The time difference with Moscow Standard Time is minus 8 hours (MSK-8). For more information about the Russian Bellingshausen station, read the article written by its chief Oleg Neruchev (RI1ANU) "Antarctica, 58th RAE" in the journal "Radio" issue number 10 dated 11/2013 at: www.radio.ru/ . Radio contacts with RI20ANT counts for the "Russian Robinson Club - 20 years" Jubilee Diploma and are worth 3 points (repeatable on different bands), and count for the rule of having one mandatory contact with the main jubilee call R20RRC. Those who did not make the contact with R20RRC have a chance to make it before the end of the year with RI20ANT. Rules for the RRC-20 diploma can be seen on: www.robinsons.ru/ [Special thanks to Will, WC6DX, for the translation from Russian to English language of UA9OBA's original information.]
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73 and Good DX!
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